

USS BERGALL ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND



SCHOLARSHIP OVERVIEW

The USS Bergall Association was founded in 2000 to support the fellowship of all crewmembers and to preserve the rich history of two submarines that shared the same name but served in two different eras (i.e., SS-320 during and after WWII, and SSN-667 during the Cold War). The Association is concerned that the educational potential of our dependent sons, daughters and grandchildren may not be realized due to financial constraints. The Association believes that all descendants of Bergall crewmembers, who are academically qualified for admittance to an accredited college or vocational school, should have the financial means to enable them to attend a school of higher education.

It is with this objective in mind that the USS Bergall Association created a scholarship program in 2015, funded solely from donations from members and supporters of the USS Bergall Association, to benefit young qualified Bergall descendants that are pursuing a postsecondary education. The Bergall Association scholarship is intended to reduce the financial obstacles that might otherwise prohibit a student from furthering one's education. The scholarship program began in 2016 (for school year 2016 -2017) with an initial scholarship award of **\$500.00** to the winner. In future years, we hope to see the scholarship fund grow to support an increase in the scholarship amount or the number of scholarships awarded each year.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- 1) Applicant must be an unmarried high school senior or graduate under age 21, **or**
- 2) Applicant must be an unmarried student under age 23 currently enrolled in a full time course of study at an accredited institution of higher learning.
- 3) Applicant must be a "DIRECT DESCENDANT" of a Bergall crew member (320 or 667) or a step child of a direct descendant.
- 4) Applicant must have an eligible "SPONSOR" that is a Full or Associate Member of the USS Bergall Association in good standing at the time of application.
- 5) Applicant must be able to demonstrate:
 - a) Academic proficiency
 - b) Participation in extracurricular activities that benefit their school and/or community
 - c) Recognition of volunteer activities as demonstrated by awards, etc.

APPLICATION PROCESS

The USS Bergall Association has established a Scholarship Committee to review and approve applications. Students meeting the above criteria and wishing to apply for a scholarship must observe the following procedure depending on your current situation:

1) For high school students or recent graduates:

- a) Complete and sign the enclosed application. Entries on the application form must be COMPLETE, ACCURATE and, LEGIBLE. Use only the last four numbers of your Social Security Number.
- b) Provide an original essay of no fewer than 400 words but no greater than 800 words on a separate sheet(s) of paper.
- c) Enclose only two (2) letters of reference/recommendation from individuals **other** than a relative or school Guidance counselor not dated before January 1st of the application year.
- d) Enclose or forward to the committee an official high school transcript for the 3 or 4 years completed.
- e) Provide a copy of a letter of acceptance to an accredited college/vocational school.
- f) Provide the most recent Federal Income Tax Form (1040, 1040A, etc.), signed by the Applicant's Head of Household with the Social Security Number redacted.

2) For current college students only:

- a) Complete and sign the enclosed application. Entries on the application form must be COMPLETE, ACCURATE and, LEGIBLE. Use only the last four numbers of your Social Security Number.
- b) Provide an original essay of no fewer than 400 words and no greater than 800 words on a separate sheet of paper.
- c) Enclose only two (2) letters of reference/recommendation from individuals other than a relative or school Guidance counselor not dated before January 1st of the application year.
- d) Forward an official College transcript reflecting all semesters completed to date. Note: if you are in your first year of college, forward an official high school transcript as well.
- e) Provide the most recent Federal Income Tax Form (1040, 1040A, etc.), signed by the Applicant's Head of Household with the Social Security Number redacted.

REQUIRED DOCUMENT CHECKLIST

- 1) Completed Application
- 2) Official Transcript from school
- 3) Two (2) letters of reference/recommendation
- 4) Acceptance letter from college/technical school
- 5) Most recent federal income tax form
- 6) Applicant essay

The documents listed above must be submitted on or before May 1st of the application year to the Bergall Association Secretary at the address listed below:

Jerome Whitehead
USS Bergall Association Secretary
36 Ella Drive
Ft Edward, NY 12828

REVIEW PROCESS AND DETERMINATION

- 1) The information submitted by the applicant **will be held in strict confidence**. It will be made available only to members of the USS Bergall Association Scholarship Committee in compliance with the Privacy Act Of 1974, Public Law 93-380.
- 2) Each member of the Scholarship Committee will review and evaluate each application and supporting documentation. The applicant's final score will be based on an average of the evaluator's scores.
- 3) The Scholarship award will be made solely at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee with the approval of USS Bergall Association Executive Board.
- 4) The winner will be announced in the first week of June of the application year.
- 5) All applicants will be informed by regular mail and email of the status of their application when the scholarship award is announced.
- 6) All material submitted becomes property of the Bergall Association Scholarship Committee and will not be returned.

We are committed to assisting descendants of USS Bergall crewmembers to further their education through scholarship disbursements. We are looking forward to receiving your application!

Sincerely,

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